

REMARKS

I. Election/Restriction

In the first office action dated June 14, 2005, the Examiner indicated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a cable actuated emergency stop system, classified in class 200, subclass 543.
- II. Claims 11-20, drawn to a method for configuring the cable actuated emergency stop device, classified in class 29, subclass 622.

The Examiner argued that the inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons. The Examiner asserted that Inventions II and I are related as the process of making and the product made. The Examiner argued that the inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different products; or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process. The Examiner argued that in the instant case the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process, such as having a multidirectional stop device as taught by Hall et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,501,040).

The Examiner indicated that these inventions are distinct for the reasons give above and the search required for Group II is not required for Group I restriction for examination purposes. The Examiner stated that because these inventions are distinct for the reasons give above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

In response to the Examiner's requirements, the Applicants elect to cancel claims 11-20 and elect prosecution of claims 1-10 (Group I). The Applicants have therefore canceled the Group II claims by amendment as indicated herein. Claims 11-20 have therefore been cancelled.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing discussion, the Applicants have responded to each and every rejection of the Official Action, and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned representative to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorney at the below-indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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